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POSSIBLE PROPULSION TEST COMPLEX, UFA, USSR

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A possible propulsion test complex, by KEYHOLE photography of [REDACTED] is located on high ground in an isolated area 4 nautical miles (nm) southeast of Blagoveshchensk and approximately 15 nm northeast of Ufa, at 54-59-00N 56-04-00E (Figure 1). This complex consists of a possible test area and a possible support area and could provide an important link in understanding the capabilities of Soviet propulsion. Changes have taken place since first observed. Two SA-2 SAM [REDACTED] identified in the general area.

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Because there are no manufacturing facilities at the complex, it probably [REDACTED] with the Ufa Aircraft Engine Plants B-26. These plants are located 10.5 nm south of the complex [REDACTED] Chernikovsk. The large Ufa petroleum refineries also are located in the village of [REDACTED] 8 nm south of the complex and may have some association with the complex. The rail spur that serves the refineries has been extended to serve the complex, and an access road had been constructed from the Ufa-Blagoveshchensk highway.

The possible static test area, which measures approximately 1,680 by 1,640 feet, is situated in a wooded area and is enclosed by a single wire fence. The main features of the area are a possible static test stand of two and possibly three bays that measures approximately 200 by 80 feet, a possible control building, and five support buildings. Logistic support is provided by an all-weather road and a rail spur, both of which connect with Ufa Aircraft Engine Plants A-26 and B-26. These routes also pass the eastern boundaries of the Ufa petroleum refineries, which may indicate some connection between them and the test complex.

A possible static test stand appears to be a monitor-roofed structure. It is road [REDACTED] situated adjacent to an apron that [REDACTED] on the same level as the base of the [REDACTED] and measures approximately 240 by 160 [REDACTED] side of the building that faces the apron [REDACTED] be open. This arrangement may indicate the test stands are designated for firing, although no burn scars -- characteristic of such an arrangement -- are visible.

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Approximately 300 feet south-southeast of [REDACTED] possible static test stand is another road-building measuring 40 feet square that [REDACTED] may serve as a control building. Ground scars indicate that possibly cable or pipeline connect this building with the possible static test stand. However, dense forest obstructs the line of sight between the two buildings.

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Because of the heavy forest, tree shadow, and the small scale of the photography, heights of structures cannot be determined, and measurements more accurate than ± 10 feet cannot be made. For the same reasons, it is impossible to determine if any of the buildings are revetted or if propellant or water tanks exist.

A small possible support area is located about 4,000 feet southeast of the possible static test area along the access road that serves the complex and approximately midway between the Ufa-Blagoveshchensk highway and the rail spur serving the complex. This area, which is not secured, consists of three two-story administration/engineering type buildings measuring 140 by 60 feet and three unidentified buildings, two of which measure 40 feet square and the other 80 by 40 feet. No housing facilities exist at the complex, but housing probably is provided in the nearby towns.

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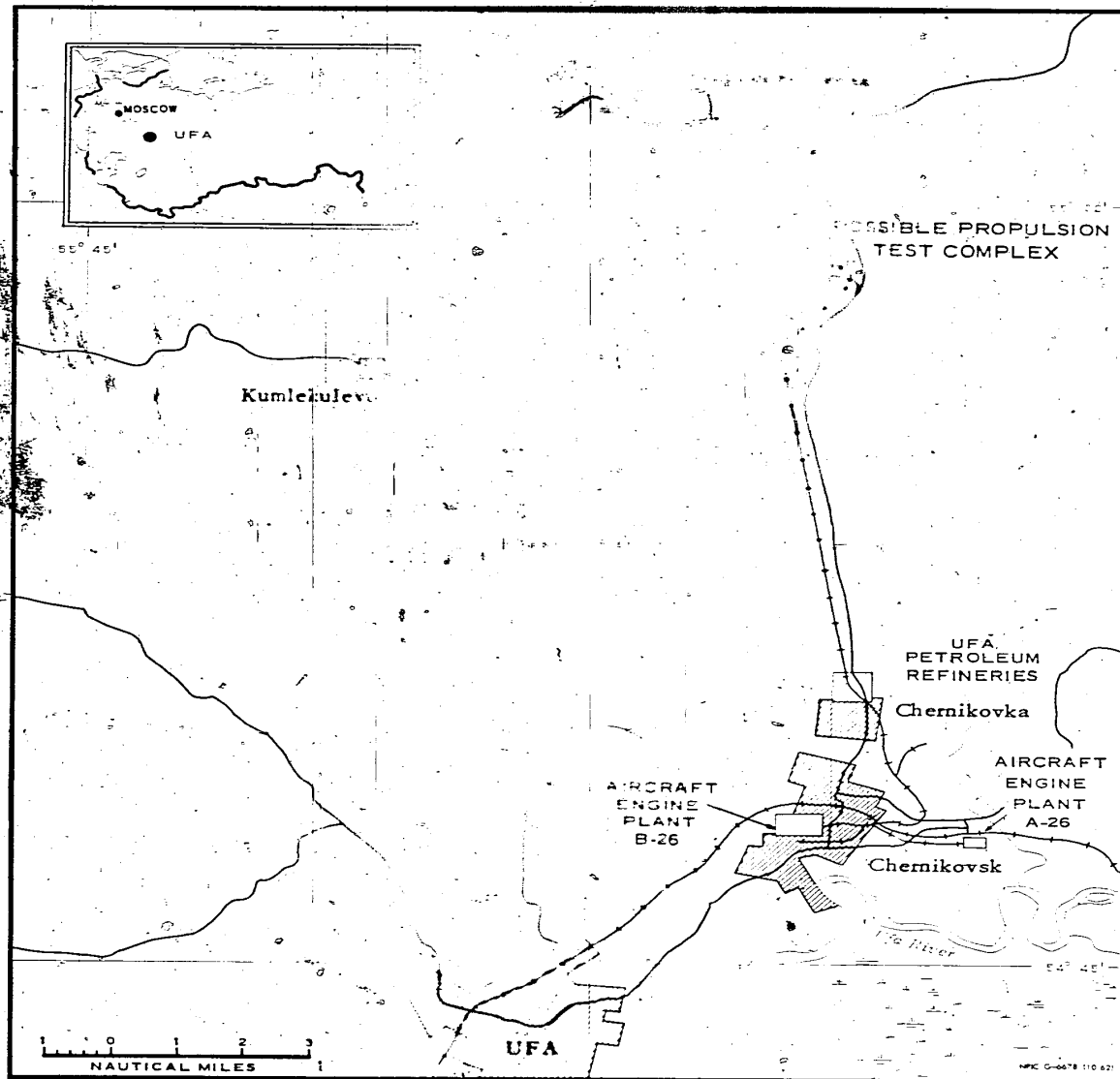


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF UFA POSSIBLE PROPULSION TEST COMPLEX.

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